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## **Press Release**

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## **PETERS, FRYE & EHC TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN**

**San Diego, CA-** Today, Council President Scott Peters and Councilmember Donna Frye joined their colleagues on the City Council in passing a new ordinance that will implement lead hazard protections for children in San Diego. The goal of the ordinance is to prevent, identify and remedy lead hazards before any more children are exposed to lead poisoning. It will provide clear and comprehensive guidelines for lead-safe work practices and a manner in which lead hazards can be addressed.

Peters thanked his colleagues for their support of the Lead Hazard Prevention and Control Ordinance. "While I am disappointed that the stronger version of the ordinance did not pass, I am pleased that we have made progress on protecting children from lead dangers," Peters said. "We will have to closely follow the law we have adopted today to make sure that these laws are effective."

"In young children, lead exposure can cause serious health problems such as nervous system and kidney damage, decreased muscle and bone growth, and learning disabilities," said Frye. "The children of San Diego deserve to live in a lead-free environment."

Lead poisoning is the number one environmental threat to children under the age of six. The ordinance ensures that all tenants are protected from the dangers of lead-based paint and dust. The Council's Land Use and Housing Committee originally recommended approval of this ordinance in 2004.

Council President Scott Peters represents the First Council District. First elected to the Council in 2000, Peters was elected by his colleagues as the City's first Council President in 2006 and was re-elected for two additional terms. He is a member of the Rules and Open Government Committee, the Natural Resources and Culture Committee and the Committee on Fire Prevention and Recovery.

Councilmember Donna Frye is the City Councilmember for the Sixth Council District, which includes the communities of Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Bay, Mission Valley

and Serra Mesa. She has served on the City Council representing District Six since 2001. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee.

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